



# News Release

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## **Riverside Public Utilities' Popular "FREE" Energy and Water Conservation Programs Return**

**Riverside, Calif.** – March not only marks the beginning of Daylight Saving Time, it is also the starting month for two of Riverside Public Utilities' (RPU) most popular "FREE" water and energy saving programs – "Tree Power" and "FreeSprinklerNozzles.com".

Since 2002, RPU's "Tree Power" program has provided its customers with a free shade tree coupon on the back of its March billing statements. Residents can take their March utility bill into one of three participating Riverside nurseries to receive one free shade tree, up to \$25 in value.

Last year, the utility surpassed the milestone of providing over 100,000 shade trees through its free coupon program. These trees help to beautify the community and provide shade to commercial and residential properties that help offset summer cooling costs. Customers will have until June 30 to redeem their 2012 free shade tree coupons.

Riverside residents will also be able to log on to [www.FreeSprinklerNozzles.com](http://www.FreeSprinklerNozzles.com) through June 30 to receive a voucher good for a free set of Toro Precision Series sprinkler nozzles that can reduce outdoor water use by up to 30% per nozzle.

To date, more than 106,000 of these water-efficient sprinkler nozzles have been supplied to Riverside customers that provide annual water savings of more than 740 million gallons. Vouchers will be redeemable at participating irrigation supply stores only, and customers must redeem their vouchers within 30 days of receipt.

In addition to these "free" programs, RPU energy and water customers can participate in the utility's year-round Tree Power and Sprinkler Nozzles rebate programs to receive additional shade trees and water-efficient nozzles that can provide them with even greater energy and water savings.

For complete details on these and other energy and water conservation rebate programs offered by Riverside Public Utilities, visit [www.GreenRiverside.com](http://www.GreenRiverside.com) or call (951) 826-5485.

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Established in 1895, Riverside Public Utilities is a consumer-owned water and electric utility governed by a board of nine community volunteers that provides high quality, reliable services to over 106,000 metered electric customers and up to 64,000 metered water customers throughout the City of Riverside. The Utility is committed to increased use of renewable energy resources and sustainable living practices that help reduce environmental impacts within the City of Riverside and the state of California.

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